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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this message American Thanksgiving celebrations will be over for another year and we will be getting ready for Christmas. I have ordered my Christmas flats and hopefully they will be completed in time to be included with this bulletin. In the event, that the flats are not included, my wife Marion and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

The implementation of the email program appears to be successfully completed and we are proceeding with plans to send the hard copy bulletins to US residents, not on our email list, directly from the US thereby saving costs and time. We hope to have this stage implemented starting with the January issue. This stage will complete the revisions discussed at the annual meeting in July.

I have started receiving renewals for 2009 membership and I would like to remind everyone that it is now time to renew your membership. If you have any questions on your membership status please e-mail me at wood5cents@shaw.ca or please phone me at 403-273-6133. You may also contact me by mail at Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1.

Again I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

C.A.W.M.C. NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The membership of C.A.W.M.C. is getting old and we need to encourage young collectors to join the hobby. Passing out some of your spare woods to the juniors might just spark an interest, and their curiosity, if they show some interest you might try paying for a juniors first years membership. You should consider giving a talk, or displaying woods at your local club meeting and hand out some of your spare woods to those in attendance to promote the hobby. We also should encourage the adults to consider joining explaining the fun and comradely that they will find. Remind them they do not have to collect every wood, but there are several series of woods that can be had for a reasonable price or even a trade might be worked out. Another alternative is to find out what their interests are and suggest woods that would fit in their collecting interests. With over 7500 different Canadian woods to select from there is something for every collectors interest. Most collector hand out their personal woods for free and at conventions and coin shows there are usually a few to be had. With most woods costing about \$.50 to \$5.00 it is not an expensive hobby to enjoy. So lets promote the hobby when and where ever we can.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth: 1975 - 1977

Victor Hall: 1977 - 1979 *

Don Robb: 1979 - 1981

Stanley Clute: 1981 - 1983

Neil Probert: 1983 - 1985

Norm Belsten: 1985 - 1991

Pat White: 1991 - 1995 *

Lou Vesh: 1995 - 2001

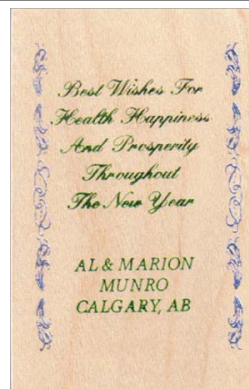
Earl Salterio: 2001 - 2003 *

Norm Belsten: 2003 - 2005

(* Deceased)

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This months free wood again donated by our president and his wife Marion. The Christmas features a blue angel , red border with the reverse a green verse, blue border.



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DUES:

Membership dues in the Canadian Association Of Wooden Money Collectors are:
 Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada And the U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00
 Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643
 Stn. 'M' Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

NOTES ON THE FREE WOODS FOR THE MONTH

1 Free woods are being mailed out to members that Ross has been holding back for once a year mailing.

2 **ALL** free woods for **ALL** members are being held for once a year mailing beginning in 2009.

3 The January 2009 free wood "Ed MacPherson & Thomson Taylor flat" is being mailed with December free wood mailing as it is a 2008 Christmas issue.

New Member Report:

Denise Dalphy 1975 Lauder Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1B3

Correction to last months article on Dora De Pedrey Hunt

In the article it said that the wood was silk screened by Universal Signs from Fredericton NB, but actually they were hot stamped by Canada Wide Woods from Gadshill, ON

Have you mailed in your 2009 subscription renewal for C.A.W.M.C. to Al Munro yet?

JOHN BRENNAN

Reprinted from Bunyan's Chips Vol. XVIII Issue No.6 June, 1981

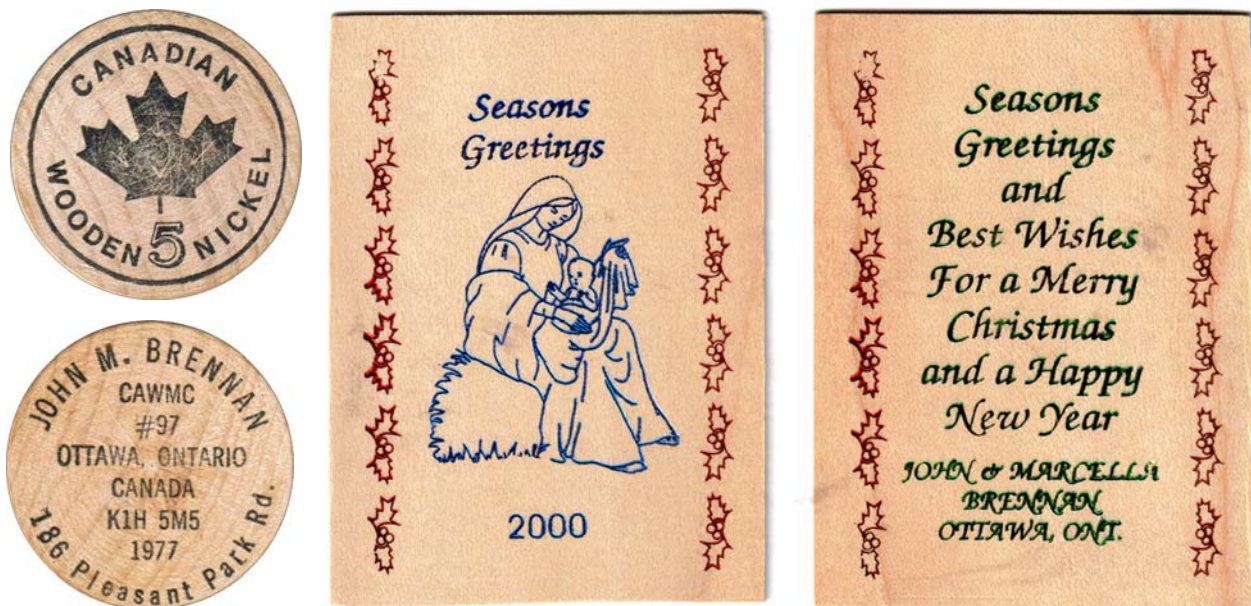
I have been a coin collector for approximately eight years. I started to collect coins on the doctor's advice due to high blood pressure caused by the worry of several chin cancer operations.

While doing this I came across a wooden money round piece and immediately was interested in finding out the history of it. After this I became hooked on collecting wooden money. I collect all types of Canadian wooden money and in the past three years have been collecting American pieces as well. In doing this, not only have I found an enjoyable and pleasant hobby but also have made many wonderful friends in Canada and the United States.

Two of the early and well-known wood collectors in Canada, J. D. Ferguson and Norman E. Wells, were instrumental in helping me start my collection. I have put out 18 flats and 8 rounds. All my early pieces are now gone to new and old collectors in Canada and the United States. Not only is my collection growing, but my health is greatly improved... thanks to my hobby.

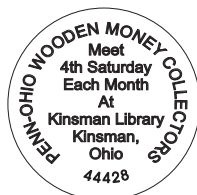
Submitted by Barbara Trace, portrait chairlady, I.O.W.M.C.

Sadly, since this 1981 biography was written, John Brennan, who was very active, and issued many more woods, died Jan. 5th, 2001, after a long battle with Cancer.



The 38mm round wood is the first wood issued by John Brennan in 1977, 500 were made, black both sides.

His last wood issued was the 2000 Christmas flat 62 x 87 mm, 100 issued, obverse is red border blue design. Reverse is red border and green verse.



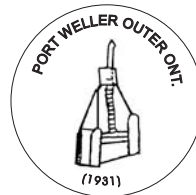
COMMON REVERSE FOR
LIGHT HOUSE SERIES LAKE ONT.
USC-037 TO 058
ALL WOODS BLACK / BLACK
EXCEPT FIRST LIGHT 058 IS RED



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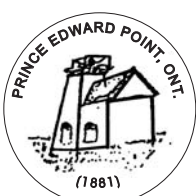
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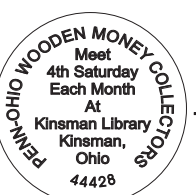
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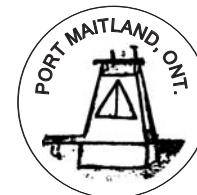
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COMMON REVERSE FOR
THE FOLLOWING WOODS
THE LAKE ERIE SET FROM THE
CANADIAN SIDE 059 TO 076



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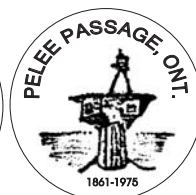
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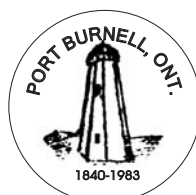
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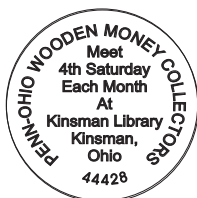
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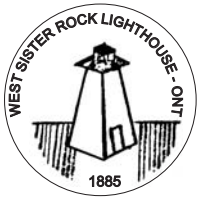
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COMMON REVERSE FOR
THE FOLLOWING WOODS
THE LAKE HURON SET FROM
THE CANADIAN SIDE
077 TO 142



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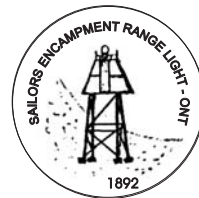
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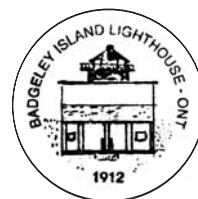
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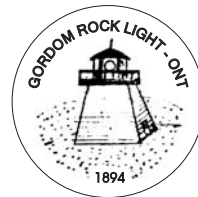
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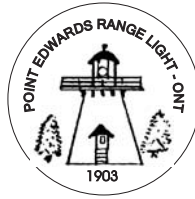
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Notes on the lighthouse series from the US showing the Canadian side.

It would have been nice if the lake were shown on the woods so you knew which lake the lighthouses were on, not just the Province for Canada or the State for US side. The numbers under the woods will be the catalogue # preceded by the letters USC. All sets came with a map of the lake showing the location of each light house. The three First Light woods one for each lake, lake Ontario is red, lake Erie is black, and lake Huron is blue. All other woods are black.

Lake Ontario: 22 Canadian woods in set, including the red First light wood.

Lake Erie: 18 Canadian woods in set, map has 17 woods plus a First light in black and the Beacon in black. The Southeast Shoal wood is missing from the set.

Lake Huron: 66 Canadian woods in set, that was sold in two parts, 33 woods at a time, including a blue First light wood.

Scarborough Coin Club woods

For our 12 th Annual Coin Show on November 1, 2008 we made a wood with black foil stamping on 2 sides in a quantity of 100. At our December meeting we celebrate our club's 33 rd anniversary with a wood of green foil stamping two sides in a quantity of 100. The anniversary wood is given to a member when they pay the annual club dues. We have a set of 34 Scarborough Coin Club woods for sale for \$20.00 which includes postage. If you already have a set, you can purchase the two new woods for \$1.00 each which includes postage. You can e mail me at dbawcutt@sympatico.ca for more information. Please make to cheque payable to the Scarborough Coin Club. And mail to David Bawcutt 75 Claremore Ave. Scarborough, ON M1N 3S2.



Norman G. Gordon, a member of the Scarborough Coin Club, had this wood made to hand out to members when he gives a talk at the club. They are numbered 1 through 100. Obverse red, reverse red—blue.

Since I have been a member of the Scarborough Coin Club since 1982 I made my first wood for Christmas 2008. In a quantity of 100 with Happy Holiday in green foil stamp and type in red foil stamp.

Don't forget to mail in your CAWMC renewal for 2009 to our president Al

*The Shipping of Woods by Mail**By Norm Belsten and Tony Hine*

Unless you want to drive to every wooden nickel collectors show in North America, sooner or later you will end up sending or receiving wooden nickels through the mail.

You will probably ask yourself: "Why does Canada Post hate woods?"

The answer is similar to Humphrey Bogart's answer to Peter Lorre's question in Casablanca: "Rick, you probably hate me, don't you?"; "I never thought about you that much, Ugati. If I did I'd probably hate you, but I haven't really given it much thought."

Canada Post sells mail delivery service by weight. A few extra grams in each envelope could increase Canada Posts revenue over the course of the year. But the automated sorting and reading equipment which so effectively splinters your woods inside the envelope is not immune to the lumps of splinters which their machine leaves behind.

Those slivers of wood poking through the envelope could be placing your delivery person on a WCB claim as effectively as an unmuzzled unfriendly Doberman. Just as the machine smashes the woods, an envelope with a smashed up wood can slow down the multi-line optical character reader machine, which reads the postal code and inflicts the fluorescent coded stripe outside your envelope to speed sorting and delivery.

This article will share the secret of how your wood can survive the slings, arrows and optical character-readers of outrageous mailing equipment.

If you really want to ensure that your wood survives, use a bubble-wrap mailer containing an inner protector of corrugated (not cereal box) cardboard folded to make a 3"x2" pocket to hold the wood. Use rubber bands to hold the wood inside the corrugated pocket. Do a test weigh to ensure your postage covers the total weight of the wood inside the cardboard (with elastics) inside the bubble-wrap mailer. On my test weigh, \$1.72 was sufficient for domestic Canadian mailing while \$2.00 worked for USPS shipments to Canada from border states. You should always do a weight test till you get to know what the cost will be for similar shipments. If you have your woods mailed from Timber Talk you can save the Corrugated insert and you can cut it to suit you needs. If shipping a lot of woods at one time then use a strong box and line with bubble wrap. Do not use any type of tape directly on the wood to hold them in place as this damages the wood and leaves a sticky film on the wood. Flats are a little easier to ship but still need a little protection, two pieces of cereal box works fine, or if there are a lot of sheets of paper, example the Timber Talk Bulletin, in the envelope that will be sufficient. Despite all your care and packaging the post office may still find a way to destroy your wood. When asked for a S.A.S.E. and it is for a different country just enclose a loose stamp as they must use their country's postage, they can then send the stamp to someone for their return postage from that country. Also bear in mind that other countries have different postal rates and some charge tax on postage. The cost of postage in the United States is much lower than in Canada where it is taxed. Something to bear in mind when ordering woods, or buying on Ebay is the shipping costs, sometimes they are more than the cost of the wood you buy.